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Gary (only),

You should know who I mean by my most imaginative N.O. source. This source reports having been told by two diferent unidentifieds that the "probe" is about to open again. My first reaction was impossible. I have changed to highly improbable, upon reflection, for there are several operative factors that could influence such a thing.

One is ego and flagging book sales. Indications are of either zero or not much more attention-not even negative attention. That is an ego I suspect cannot broke being ignored. Another is ego per se. Smarting. And having labored twice in false pregnancies or what may be worse, abortions (this is your field, so I cannot say which is worse).

Another is the impending complaint I am about to file, when I can get to go over it. (With other things to do, I'm awaiting a time of less interruption.) I think its potential is not lost on others and they by now must be aware of my unique, call-the-shots approach, which can, by a fluke, get attention and be embarrassing.

To resort to the lingo of the trade, from a source in a position to know and believed to be dependable, I know that those who might be expected to say nothing about it were re-interviewed by the FBI and the SS beginning three years after the event. This could have been defensive, considering what was then impending, but it began before public attention to what impended-when it wasn't known, presumeably, save to those interviewed.

There is a third possibility, surrounded by coincidences. One of these may have been the completion of the literary prerequisites to publication. That may have led the writer to some conclusions that in almost anyone else would be strange. More closely coinciding is this: I had been trying to get them to provide what they first denied existed and what they should have gotten on their own by way of pre-existing official files of that jurisdiction. I provided proof of their existence, involving two of their central three. This involved a certain amount of tenderness for the one in care of whom you addressed me, the official one, for he had a high regard for the origin of my unequivocal proof, the flying cop who had known both dead ones. My friend appears to have held him in high personal regard (and ahd also questioned him with entirely negative results, the unsuccessfulness clearly established by what I provided to establish proof). From the time of the promise to this moment I've heard nothing. No letter has been responded to (and I've written three different poeple), no phone call has been completed (and I tried two, one repeatedly-the promising one). This leads to the conclusion that the files I sought are of value, which I'd assumed to begin with. Now, if they are of great value, it is possible that could interest the one who visualizes himself as a slugger unique in wanting another turn at bat.

There are a number of reasons why I believe this unlikely. Maybe you do also. The one thing I will not say is that I do not consider it entirely impossible, this I write. The one person who might speak to said slugger is now miles away and cannot (and his regard for the batsman is undiminished), so I cannot get him to do it. Actually, I wonder if the best course is not waiting and seeing. As of now, I have no laternative. It is on the seemingly slim chance that this could be for real that I am so elliptical. I do not know if you are au courant with current political indications from that place, but they are radically different. Mine is no more than public knowledge, from public sources. It is indicative of rapproahment with the power structure. At the very least, it is in conformity, total conformity, with their interests and objectives, traditional and racist.

Although I expect nothing to develop, I thought it best to alert one other to the possibility, slim as it may be. The one source I might get to approach this, if it seemed like a good idea, the one you visited and who visited me, has been unproductive and close to uncommunicative, not as can be explained satisfactorily by pressing personal problems. So I leave this also like it is. I have been awaiting a single, offered page for almost three months, and it was not forgotten-I reminded several times. Many questions and letters are unanswered. There is too much to do to keep reminding.

Best,